



The EBIS Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

The term is getting away on us!

Work on the school production is coming along very well and staff and students are very enthusiastic about this! If you have any queries at all about anything to do with the production, please contact Mary Sagato. The props are all but ready to go and so the next step is to put together the staging. Once this is done the hall will begin to look like a production set!

The school value that we are focussing on over the next two weeks is: **RESPECT**. So often you hear people say that people just don't show the same respect that they used to in the "good old days"! We care about our children being respectful and also being treated with respect. Staff work hard at teaching our children to have respect from themselves, for others and for their environment. As a school we do a lot of talking about respect. We believe that respect is critically important and fundamental to establishing and maintaining good happy harmonious relationships

IMPORTANT DATES

19th August Australian Mathematics Competition

20th August Otago Maths

25th August Inter-intermediate Netball

26th August D I S C O - 7 – 9.00pm

THE NATIONAL STANDARDS

As we look at what we are needing to do as a school to get these new Standards included in our school's curriculum programmes, we will also need to look at how we can better/more easily report to parents on the areas of the standards. ie Reading, Writing, Mathematics

I would like to hear from you as to what you think would be a good way to report this information to you.

Mathletics challenge

As you may well be aware from your children talking to you about this at home, we are getting our students to all take part in the Trans-Tasman Mathletics Challenge. This is a huge amount of fun! It is an annual event that takes place at the same time as the Bledisloe Cup and this is why it is called the Trans-Tasman Mathletics Challenge. Once students all get their own personal pin numbers to enter the site, they can use it at home too. You will be very impressed with how this works. It is such a good way to encourage students to use the web as a learning tool.

BOYS EDUCATION

We are currently enjoying the new support that we have put in place this term to help some of our boys who are having difficulties in the playground. The change in some of these boys already is very significant. Many of them are now involved in the new lunchtime band. This is going to be a lovely thing in the school.

BOARD NEWS

This is a good time to start thinking about becoming a Board member at EBIS. Next year is the year for elections. If you are thinking that this may be something you would like to get involved in then please come along to our next meeting. The next meeting is on September 16th. The Board is currently going through the

process of co-opting another Board member to fill the position vacated by Ray Nafatali who was no longer able to stay on the Board due to his work putting him in a conflict of interest situation.

DEALING WITH PROBLEMS

One of the things that we are always mindful of, is how we deal with student issues when they arise. I want to just remind you that if your son or daughter comes home from school unhappy about anything that is going on, then you need to let us know. We cannot deal with issues if we do not know what the issues are. We do our very best to resolve things and to make sure that natural justice prevails. The staff are very careful to always fully investigate anything that may be reported to have happened. We are as thorough as we possibly can be. When students are encouraged to accept responsibility for behaviour that is not appropriate, that is when they begin to actually change their behaviour. We are passionate about our children and we care about them when they are in any way upset.

Consultation re HEALTH education

In the next few weeks we will be consulting with you about our school's health programme. The date for this is **Wednesday 9th September at 7.00pm**. Schools are required to consult with their school community about the health programme that is delivered to students. The best way to do this is through a public meeting.

Maori, Pacific, Other Ethnic Group Parents Meetings

Last term the number of parents who attended these meetings was minimal. We had no Maori Parents, 1 at the Ethnic Parents and 1 at the Pacific Islands parents meeting. We will not have a meeting this term, but will instead have a meeting in the middle of Term 4 for these groups to look at future directions. I will give plenty of notice to families and we will get students to do a performance as well.

NOTICES

Hells Pizza for Lunch

Students are able to order pizzas on a Friday from the canteen at a cost of \$5.00. These are lovely! The school gets back \$1.00 from each one and this is being used for various things we need such as hall decorations for discos etc.

Entertainment Books – These can be purchased from the school office at a cost of \$55.00. This is a very useful thing to have.

The school gets \$11.00 from each sale of these books.

Before and After School Care - NZ Nannies International has Au Pairs available to care for children and help with housework for up to full time hours in exchange for free board and \$200 -\$250.00 a week.

For further information email Kristina@nznannies.org.nz

Pen drives 2GB – these can be purchased from the school office at a subsidised cost of \$10.00 each.

These are great to have and students are beginning to really make very good use of them.

Caretaking – We are still keen to hear from anyone who would be happy to be a relief cleaner for us if our cleaning staff are ever away. If you can do this I would love to hear from you.

Have a good week and keep warm! So much for the lovely warm weather.....we are back to being cold again!

Please contact the school if ever you need to. We enjoy the partnership that we have with you! I welcome your calls at school on **939-3247**, cell phone **021- 252-1383** or at **home on 234 – 8724 anytime the need arises.**

Best Wishes



Mrs Wendy Esera

ON BEHALF OF THE EBIS STAFF & BOARD